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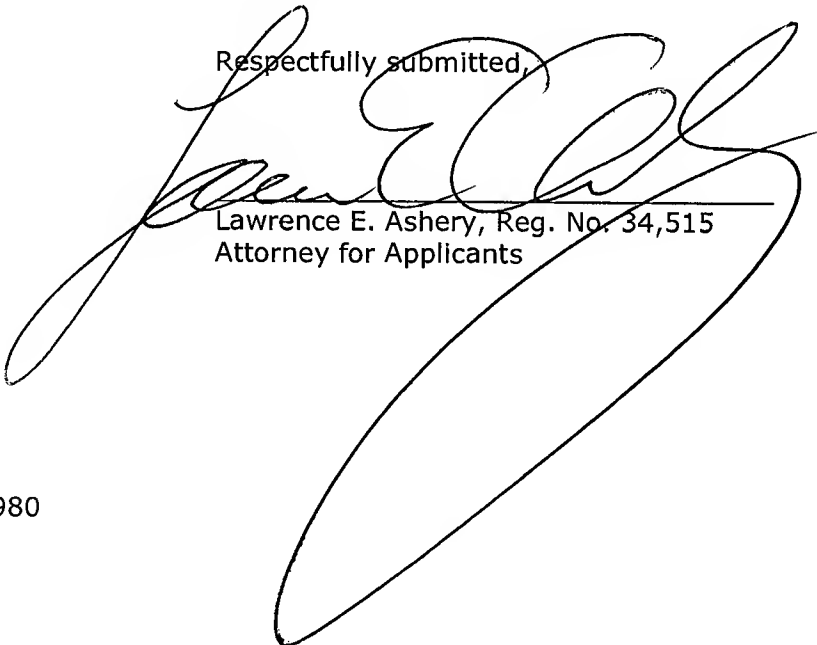
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**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1, 3 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakache et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,103,109). Claims 8 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakache. Claims 2, 4-6 and 9-14, however, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, the rejected claims have been cancelled and the objected to claims have been rewritten into independent form as appropriate.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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